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PRESS RELEASE –K9 Paige Retirement

A decision has been made for K9 Paige to move into retirement after serving the community as a detection dog since the summer of 2011. K9 Paige has had numerous successes during her time including drug finds and suspects tracked. Her largest drug find was December 26, 2011 when she located 40lbs of marijuana hidden in an RV.

K9 Paige served with two handlers during her time at the agency. Her first handler was Deputy Chad Enright. When Deputy Enright promoted to a lieutenant position K9 Paige was transferred to Sgt. Joe Nicholas.

K9 Paige has always been reliable when indicating to the odor of controlled substances but we learned over time that her true love is hunting. K9 Paige spent the first year of her life training to be a hunting/sport dog before changing careers and serving as a deputy sheriff in the sheriff's office. We found that due to her prior training, her focus was affected which has impacted her productivity.

It was the goal of the sheriff's office that through continued training and time on the job K9 Paige would learn to better develop her skills in detecting controlled substances and would focus less on her first love of bird hunting. K9 Paige has worked with two different handlers and two different professional K9 detection trainers but her first love continues to be hunting.

Paige has the ability but her desire to hunt for drugs is not always consistent enough to provide the level of service to the community that we demand. As a result, the decision has been made to allow K9 Paige to retire.

We are committed to making sure K9 Paige has a long and prosperous retirement in a home that provides her plenty of opportunity to hunt and play outdoors. We are proud of the service that K9 Paige has given to the community and we wish her happy hunting as she returns to the pastime she loves.

K9 Ziva will continue to serve the community with Deputy Fairman. We are in the process of finalizing arrangements for K9 Paige's replacement which will be announced in the near future.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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